

DAIRY HIGHLIGHTS

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

The average number of milk cows on Kentucky farms continued its steady decline during 2000 and totaled 132,000 head, down 1,000 head from the 1999 average. This continues the steady decline in milk cow numbers that began in 1986.

Total milk production in Kentucky was 1.69 million pounds, up 2 percent from 1999. Average production per cow, at 12,803 pounds, was up from the 1999 average of 12,414. The number of farms with milk cows totaled 3,000, down from 3,200 in 1999.

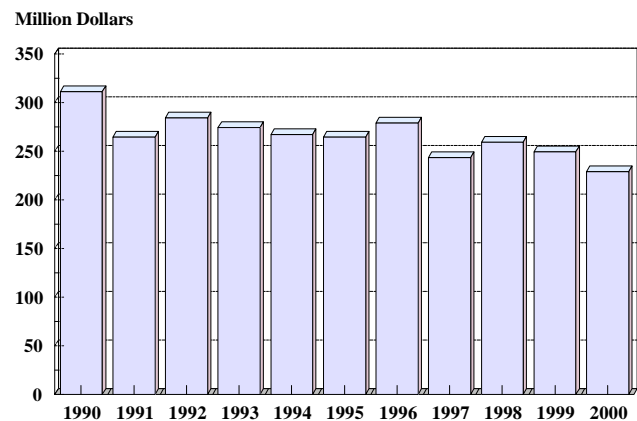
MILK DISPOSITION AND INCOME

Kentucky dairy producers sold 1.66 billion pounds of milk to plants and dealers during 2000 and used 30 million pounds on the farm. Farm use includes milk fed to calves and other livestock, and used for milk, cream and butter. Farm use of milk during 2000 was down 9 percent from 1999, and milk sold to plants and dealers increased 3 percent from 1999.

Fluid grade milk sold to plants and dealers totaled 1.64 billion pounds, 99 percent of the total milk sold. Manufacturing grade milk sold to plants and dealers totaled 17 million pounds.

The value of milk produced during 2000 came to \$233 million, down 8 percent from 1999. This includes the value of milk used on farms. The average price of all grades sold was \$13.80 per hundredweight, down from \$15.40 per hundredweight during 1999. Cash receipts from marketings totaled \$229 million, down 8 percent from the \$249 million reported in 1999.

KENTUCKY CASH RECEIPTS FROM MILK MARKETING



MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Kentucky plants produced 15.1 million pounds of cottage cheese curd in 2000, down 6 percent from 1999. Creamed cottage cheese production totaled 17.7 million pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Lowfat cottage

cheese production was 9.1 million pounds during 2000, up 2 percent from 1999. During 2000, 16 Kentucky plants produced one or more dairy products. Totals for most dairy products produced in Kentucky are not published to avoid disclosing individual plant production.